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Westbound I-70 traffic shift in Columbia starting May 4

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Significant progress in reconstructing Interstate 70 in Columbia means westbound drivers will be using a new traffic pattern between Boone County Route B (Paris Road) and U.S. Route 63 beginning tonight. This traffic shift for westbound travelers will allow construction crews to continue building the direct connect ramp from northbound U.S. Route 63 to westbound I-70 and laying new pavement in the area.

The night of May 4, westbound I-70 traffic will shift onto the newly constructed lanes between Paris Road and U.S. Route 63. All ramps in the area will remain open, with those entering westbound I-70 from U.S. Route 63 having an extended merge lane. Motorists are advised to slow down, use extra caution, and follow posted signage.

All work is weather-permitting and subject to change.

MoDOT asks all motorists to work with us by buckling up, putting your phone down, obeying all traffic signs, and slowing down and moving over in work zones.

This work is part of the first project in MoDOT's Statewide Improve I-70 Program, Improve I-70: Columbia to Kingdom City, which will add a third lane of travel in each direction to the 20-mile stretch of I-70 between Columbia and Kingdom City. This $405 million fixed-cost contract includes new pavement on all three lanes of I-70 and will also make interchange improvements to the I-70 interchanges at U.S. Route 63 and U.S. Route 54.

Missouri's FY2024 budget, approved through the state legislative process and governor, provides $2.8 billion in General Revenue to build a third lane of I-70 across the state. The program will plan, design, construct, reconstruct, rehabilitate, and add a third lane in each direction on nearly 200 miles of I-70, from Blue Springs to Wentzville. For more information on the Improve I-70 Program and to sign up for program e-updates, visit http://www.modot.org/improvei70.

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